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Docket No. KAS-157

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/936,918 Confirmation No. 3025  
Applicant : S. NAKATA et al  
Filed : November 1, 2001  
Titled : AUTOMATIC ANALYZING APPARATUS  
TC/A.U. : 1743  
Examiner : L. Alexander  
Docket No. : KAS-157  
Customer No.: 24956

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 12, 2007

Sir:

On December 19, 2006, a personal interview was conducted between Gene W. Stockman, counsel to Applicant and Examiner Lyle Alexander.

Applicants' separate statement of the substance of the interview is set forth hereafter.

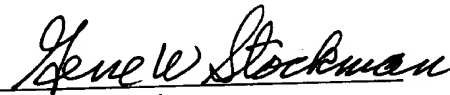
Applicants thank the Examiner for granting the interview. The substance of the interview is believed accurately set forth in the Interview Summary prepared by the Examiner at the conclusion of the interview on December 19, 2006. During the interview, Applicant's attorney requested the Examiner to explain more fully his interpretation of the claims and why the terms objected to were allegedly vague and

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indefinite in the next office action. The Examiner stated that he would do so. The Examiner further requested clarification of what parameters were intended and Applicants maintained that the terms of the claims were clear and defined over the prior art. Applicants further noted that line 14 of claim 1 contained a non substantive typographical error in that the word "supplies" should be -- supplying -- .

Respectfully submitted,

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